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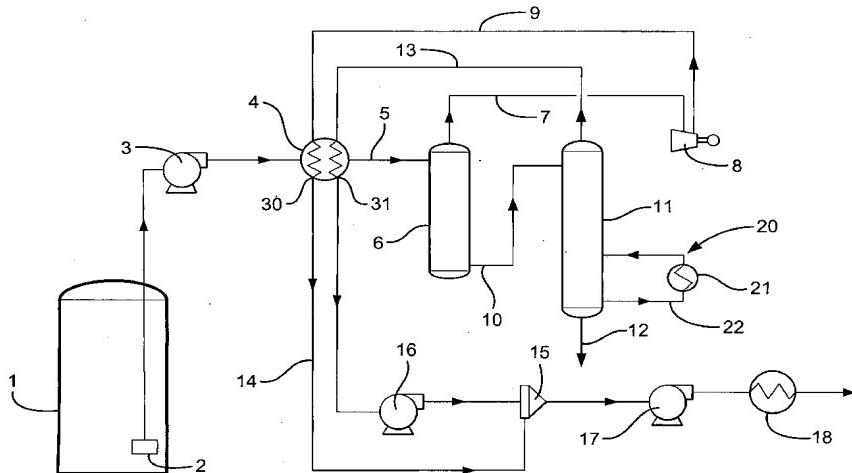
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**(57) Abstract:** An improved process is provided for the conditioning of liquefied natural gas. The process includes a number of steps including separating (6) an at least partially vaporized natural gas stream (5) to produce a first stream (7) which is rich in methane and a second stream (10) which is rich in hydrocarbons having two or more carbon atoms; and passing the second stream without pumping to a distillation vessel (11) to produce a natural gas liquids stream (12) and a stream rich in methane (13), the operating pressure of the distillation vessel being such that the stream rich in methane exits the distillation vessel at a pressure in the range of from 2 to 6 barg.

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